

scales in favor of certain employers over the retirement security of their employees.

Because the good in the bill before us today as a whole outweighs the harm of this one provision, I will be voting yes on the underlying bill. But my "yes" vote on this bill is not an endorsement of the CSEC provision which I strongly oppose for the reasons I've just discussed.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF DANNY HOWARD

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 21, 2018

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my dear friend, Danny Howard, upon his retirement after dedicating 24 years of public service as Mayor of Harlan, a historic coal mining town in Kentucky's Appalachian region.

Learning from his father, who served as a long-time magistrate and Sheriff for Harlan County, Danny wanted to serve the beloved small coal town where he was born and raised. Despite his father's warning that the "spot doesn't pay," my friend moved forward with his courage of conviction to help the people of Harlan and was elected in 1993.

It was not the first time Danny Howard chose Harlan. An alumnus of Harlan High School, he graduated in 1973 from Mercer University College of Pharmacy in Atlanta, Georgia. At a time when many young people were moving away from small towns in the Appalachian coal fields, he and his wife, Debby Webb Howard, returned to Harlan to start their family. They raised two children, Seth Howard and Whitney Howard Mendiondo in the shadow of the mountains. Since then, the Howards have never had an empty nest, with Earl Raglin and Jordan Foster joining their family in 1995 and 2006, and generously opening their home to three other children over the years.

Danny not only served people from his post at City Hall, but also as a practicing pharmacist. He is known for his personable style, often walking around the counter to give customers an entertaining dose of local tales and jokes that demonstrate his love for his small hometown. His genuine interest in others always shines through, winning people from all walks of life.

As Mayor of Harlan, Danny has always faced a challenging economy with a small municipal budget strapped by a shrinking tax revenue and a deteriorating infrastructure. However, he has worked diligently for economic development projects, infrastructure improvements, flood control, environmental cleanups and much more. In fact, we became close friends through our work together for the Eastern Kentucky PRIDE program, removing illegal dumps from our hillsides, cleaning up litter along our roadways, and expanding access to clean water and sanitary sewer across the county. He has also been a trusted partner for first responders and Operation UNITE, supporting narcotics investigations, treatment and education efforts across the city to combat the drug epidemic.

Additionally, Danny effectively boosted tourism and community development efforts,

through the establishment of the Harlan Tourism Commission and construction of The Harlan Center in the heart of the city. Today, the tourism industry has an annual economic impact of approximately \$18 million.

Danny's expertise in both city management and pharmaceuticals have been highly coveted by numerous boards and commissions, including the Housing and Urban Development Board on which he served many years. He worked tirelessly, advocating for projects that would provide housing for those most in need.

Without question, Danny Howard's loyal leadership will have a long-lasting impact in the City of Harlan and throughout the county. I wish Danny, his wife, Debby, and their family many blessings, joy and peace in the years ahead.

HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF EMINENCE, MISSOURI

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 21, 2018

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Sesquicentennial of Eminence, Missouri. Located in Shannon County, Eminence began as a small settlement along the Current River near Round Spring. In 1868, after the courthouse was burned in the Civil War, it was determined the town and county seat should be moved to a more centrally-located area. County Judges Alfred Deatherage, Thomas J. Chilton, and William Mahan commissioned William S. Chilton to find the new location. Utilizing the help of his brother, Thomas J. Chilton, they moved the town to its current location.

The early structures in Eminence were constructed out of log and plain lumber. The first businesses in town, a saloon, store, and post office, were constructed by Colonel Thomas Freeman and A.J.P. Deatherage.

Today, Eminence is known for its canoeing, trail riding, hunting, fishing, and camping. It is also the home of former astronaut Tom Akers, a veteran of four space shuttle missions and former Principal of Eminence High School.

The people of Eminence have shown their resiliency through the years by overcoming fires, floods, and other obstacles. This resiliency has made Eminence what it is today. It is my honor to acknowledge this historic birthday before the United States House of Representatives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JASON LEWIS

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 21, 2018

Mr. LEWIS of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, on December 21, 2018 I was unable to be present on the floor for recorded votes. As a proud father, I was attending my eldest daughter's college graduation in Minnesota.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF BARBARA J. HOOVER

HON. THOMAS R. SUOZZI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 21, 2018

Mr. SUOZZI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and remember Barbara Jeanne Hoover who passed away October 14, of this year. Unwaveringly altruistic, Barbara learned early the importance of family, dedication, and community.

Barbara was born on September 4, 1953 in Jamaica, Queens, New York. After graduating from St. John's College, she was employed in Human Resources for Citibank, in New York City.

It was at Citibank where Barbara met the man of her dreams and future husband, James Hoover. They were quickly married and it wasn't long before Barbara gave birth to their first son, Bradley. Barbara chose to leave Citibank, eager to build a loving home for her family. She would later give birth to two more boys, Courtney and Logan.

It is without question that Barbara's number one passion day in and day out was her three sons. Her unconditional love, devotion, patience, attentiveness, and personal sacrifice were unwavering.

Her ability to see beauty in the world fueled her passion for the environment and gardening. She was a member of the North Country Garden Club and her tenure was defined by impeccable leadership. Over the course of twenty years, she served as President, Chair of the Communications Committee, and most recently as Co-Chair of the Projects Committee. She pioneered a new era in the Club's communications, bringing a fresh, engaging design to the quarterly Gazette and even creating a new website.

Her leadership never went unnoticed and was often celebrated. She was given the Mentor Award for her many contributions to the NCGC for her bravery and ability to handle roadblocks with grace and dignity. Never boastful, Barbara was eager to share her expertise and wisdom to NCGC newcomers. Always happy to hold meetings in her house, her three English Springer Spaniels, her other passion, were always at her side.

Barbara's commitment to the environment did not stop there. From 2007 to 2011, she worked on the staff of the North Shore Land Alliance, a non-profit devoted to the conservation of land on Long Island. She tirelessly planned and executed fundraisers, advocacy campaigns, meetings with elected officials, and countless other events to protect the place she called home.

Barbara felt strongly about having a first-rate community hospital and tirelessly worked to provide her support for the Glen Cove Hospital, where she was a founding member of the Advisory Council and served as its Chairman since 2011. Her family witnessed the appreciation for her by the numerous interactions with the hospital staff during her frequent visits as a patient. She, in turn, was always thankful to anyone who helped her, no matter how small the gesture.

Always wanting to ease the burden for others and take on more responsibility, Barbara deliberately and thoughtfully gave her family a short eulogy a few days before her death: